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FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH HAS CONFIRMED REFTEL REPORT THAT FRG CONSIDERING MERIT OF PROPOSING TWO OR THREE RELATIVELY NON- CONTROVERSIAL ITEMS IN ORDER TO HEAD OFF PREMATURE AND POSSIBLY STEAMY NAC DEBATE ON UNRESOLVED MBFR ISSUES. BUT ROTH TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 26 HE HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THIS TACTIC MIGHT IN FACT BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE IN THE SENSE OF ONLY STIRRING UP BENELUX AND ITALIAN REACTION TO US/ UK/ FRG JOINT FOOT DRAGGING. IN ANY CASE, BASED ALSO ON HIS MARCH 20 CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON, ROTH SAID THE GERMANS AND BRITISH WOULD EITHER TAKE THIS TACK OR WOULD REMAIN SILENT AND ONLY SPEAK UP IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE NAC DISCUSSION FROM " GOING OFF IN A WRONG DIRECTION"THE FONMIN PERSONALLY, AND THE WORDING THROUGHOUT THE AGREEMENT MAKES RENERENCE TO GOI AS THE OTHER PARTY OF INTEREST. ONE SHOULD PRESUME THEREFORE THAT THE GOI HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN " PUMPS AND PIPES".

3. REFTEL (A) PARA

4 STATES " AT NO POINT HAVE WE SEEN AN OFFICIAL REQUEST NROM THE GOI TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE GRANT RPT GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THIS ENDEAVOR," AND STATES FURTHER THAT THE RECORD CLEARLY INDICATES THE CONTRARY. IF DEPT MEANS BY THIS THAT EMBASSY HAS NOT REQUESTED WASH TO PAY FOR ENTIRE VENTURE, THE DEPT IS CORRECT. THIS EMBASSY HAS NOT ASKED WASH EITHER BY TELEGRAM OR BY TELEPHONE TO SUPPLY FREE OF CHARGE ANY EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE BOUGHT FOR THIS VENTURE. THE SUM TOTAL OF THIS EMBASSY' S SUGGESTIONS WAS THAT WASH PONDER POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING INTO A JOINT ENDEAVOR, THE USG SHARE BEING LIMITED TO LOANING AS MUCH EQUIPMENT AS POSSIBLE AND PERHAPS PROVIDING THE AIRLIFT BY USING SOME FUNDS LEFT OVER FROM THE C-130 OPERATION OF A MONTH AGO, THIS LATTER ONLY AS A LAST RESORT. IT WAS MY PREFERENCE, TOO, AS I COMMUNICATED BY TELEPHONE TO WASH THAT HALF OF THE \$108,000 BE KEPT IN RESERVE. HOWEVER LATER CIRCUMSTANCES MADE IT ADVISABLE TO SUGGEST UTILIZING THE FULL AMOUNT. ALL OF THIS, OF COURSE, DOES NOT MEAN THAT THIS EMBASSY WAS NOT REQUESTED TO PROVIDE EVERYTHING ON A GRANT AND EQUIPMENT LOAN FREE- OF- CHARGE- BASIS. IN FACT THE MFA SECGEN ASKED ME WHETHER WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS POSSIBILITY, AND I TALKED HIM OUT OF MAKING IT AN OFFICIAL REQUEST, BEING FULLY AWARE OF WHAT WASHINGTON' S REACTION WOULD BE.

4. THE THREE- MAN DELEGATION THAT PLANNED TO GO TO USA WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL GOI MISSION. IT WAS A DISASTER RELIEF EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE DEL (SE REFTEL (D) FOR DISTINCTION). GISLI GISLASON' S MISSION (A LEADER IN PRO- IDF MOVEMENT) WAS TO TRY TO GET WASH TO FINANCE ENTIRE VENTURE AS MEANS OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING PRO- IDF ELEMENTS IN ICELAND. HE WAS GOING BECAUSE HE FELT USG, INCLUDING US AMBASSADOR, WERE NOT COMPREHENDING
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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RETENTION OF IDF AND DISASTER RELIEF GRANT ASSISTANCE BY USG. THE SECOND MEMBER, AN ENGINEER, WAS INSTRUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE TO SEE WHETHER ALL THE EQUIPMENT WAS REALLY NEEDED AND WHETHER THE COST WAS APPROPRIATE. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW HE EXPECTED TO DO THIS. THE THIRD MEMBER, INGVI INGVARSSON, MFA DEPSEC GEN, DID NOT KNOW WHY HE WAS GOING, BUT HOPED SOMEBODY WOULD TELL HIM. AS I STATED IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH WASH., IT IS LIKE A CIRCUS HERE.

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